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MRS. MYERS FILES SUIT AGAINST CITY

SHE HAS FILED SUIT AGAINST
THE CITY OF COLUMBUS FOR
TEN THOUSAND DOL-
LARS DAMAGES.

Suit Comes as a Result of Damages
Alleged to Have Been Sus-
tained by Complainant,
Who Fell in Ditch.

As a result of injuries alleged to have been sustained by complainant in falling into an open ditch, Mrs. Lily Myers has instituted suit in the circuit court against the city of Columbus for ten thousand dollars. The declaration, filed by Messrs. Betts & Sturdivant, attorneys for complainant, recites that on the night of June 2nd, 1907, Mrs. Myers, while on her way to church, fell into an open ditch at the corner of Bell avenue and Sixteenth street, and that as a result of the fall her right knee was practically dislocated and she was otherwise painfully hurt and bruised.

The declaration sets forth that it is the duty of the mayor and city council to keep the streets, sidewalks, alleys and crossings in repair, and that the injuries received by complainant resulted from negligence or carelessness on the part of the city or its employees in failing to have a properly constructed bridge over the ditch at the corner of Bell avenue and Sixteenth street. It is alleged that there was no bridge at the above mentioned point, and that the only means of crossing the ditch was by walking over a narrow plank, which had been placed there or allowed to remain there by the officials and servants of the city. Taking the ground that the city, in having failed to keep its bridges and sidewalks in proper repair, is responsible for the accident, Mrs. Myers asks to be awarded damages in the sum of ten thousand dollars for injuries sustained.

Notice of the suit was served on Mayor Donnell several days ago, and he brought the matter before the city council at its meeting last Thursday night. The mayor was authorized to take the proper steps to defend the suit, which will probably come up for trial at the January term of the circuit court.

Telegraph Office Open.

The local office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, which, with the exception of a few days when a non-union operator was in charge, has been closed ever since the telegraphers' strike began, was reopened last Wednesday. The office is in charge of Mr. H. A. Wise, a traveling auditor for the company, and he will remain here as long as protected by the people. Secretary Sykes, of the Progressive Union, has for some time past been in correspondence with the railroad commission regarding the opening of the office, and in a letter to the commission Superintendent Trehune, of the Western Union, states that if the office is kept open the operator in charge must be protected from insults and violence. He assures the commission that if this is done there will be no trouble in keeping the office open and that service will continue uninterruptedly.

Great Football Game.

The people of Columbus and the surrounding country will be afforded an opportunity to witness a great football contest next Saturday, October 12th, when teams representing the University of Alabama and the University of Mississippi will play a game here to decide the championship of the Southern Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association. This game, which will be played at the Lake Park baseball grounds, will be an important event in college athletics, and is expected to bring a large number of visitors to the city.

Mr. Clyde Morris, who for some time past has been chief clerk in the office of Mr. W. E. Kennedy, local agent for the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, has resigned his position, and, accompanied by his wife, left last week for El Paso, Texas. Mr. R. E. Craddock succeeds Mr. Morris as chief clerk in the Mobile & Ohio freight office. Mr. Craddock has been in the office for several years, and his promotion comes as the reward of faithful and efficient service.

Mrs. M. L. Deavers, of Birmingham will arrive Monday to be the guest of Mrs. T. O. Burris.

Mrs. Henrietta Harris Dead.

Mrs. Henrietta Harris died at her home, No. 419 South Third street, at an early hour last Friday morning. Although Mrs. Harris had been in bad health for quite a long time past, she had improved recently, and her death, coming so suddenly and unexpectedly, was naturally a severe shock to the family. She was out calling Thursday, and upon returning home stated to members of the household that she felt unusually well. She retired at her accustomed hour, and about three o'clock in the morning was taken suddenly ill. The household was aroused and Dr. Stockard, who lives in the next block, was hastily summoned. Upon his arrival he found the patient suffering intensely, and knew from her symptoms that the end was near. He did what he could to afford the sufferer temporary relief, and in a short time she passed away, organic heart trouble having been the immediate cause of her death.

Mrs. Harris was a member of one of the city's most prominent families, having been the sister of Mr. R. T. Williams, cashier of the First State Bank, and the mother of Mr. S. D. Harris, teller of the same financial institution. She was the daughter of the late Wylie Williams, a well known citizen of by-gone days, and her husband was the late Sam Douse Harris, who had several large plantations in the country contiguous to Columbus and who during his lifetime was one of the most prominent farmers in this section. In addition to those named above, the immediate relatives surviving the deceased are her daughter, Mrs. W. P. Craddock, and her sister, Miss M. A. Williams. She is also survived by several grandchildren, and leaves other further removed relatives and countless friends to mourn her loss.

Mrs. Harris, who at the time of her death was sixty-nine years of age, was a devout Christian, and was prominent in religious and charitable work. For many years she had been a faithful and consistent member of the First Methodist church and was a liberal contributor, not only to the church fund, but to all charitable and eleemosynary causes. She was always ready to relieve suffering humanity, and no appeal for assistance for a worthy cause was ever made to her in vain. She was a woman who was universally respected and beloved, and there are hundreds of people who admired her truly noble character and to whom her death is a source of deep personal regret.

The funeral occurred at the family residence on South Third street at ten o'clock Saturday morning, having been conducted by Rev. J. W. Shoaff, D. D., pastor of the First Methodist church, and numerous beautiful floral offerings attested the universal esteem in which the deceased was held. The interment was at Friendship cemetery, Gen. E. T. Sykes, Col. Wm. Rhett, Col. W. C. Richards, Col. W. D. Humphries, Capt. J. A. Neilson, Messrs. C. F. Sherrod, J. W. Irlow and E. R. Hopkins having officiated as pall bearers.

Forrest Cavalry Reunion.

Gen. H. A. Tyler, commanding Forrest Cavalry Corps, has issued an order for a reunion to be held in Memphis on October 17th. The reunion will be similar to the one held there last October, except that it will be on a grander scale, and the attendance will be much larger. A committee of local veterans has taken the matter in charge and will make all arrangements for the entertainment of visitors. Veterans will be furnished horses to ride in the parade free of charge, and every surviving member of Forrest's gallant band is urged to attend the reunion.

Increased Postal Receipts.

The receipts of the local postoffice for the quarter just past were \$4,051.26, against \$3,941.75 for the quarter ending September 30th, 1906, thus showing an increase of \$109.51 over the same period last year. The total receipts for the twelve months ending September 30th were \$18,757.98.

Messrs. D. M. Biddle and J. E. Wright, of the Steens section, now come forward claiming the cotton picking championship of this section. In a recent day Mr. Biddle picked 559 pounds and Mr. Wright sacked 510 pounds within the same period, record of which, it is believed, will not be equaled in this section soon.

Mrs. E. K. Lide and Mr. Leighton Lide are visiting Mr. Lucius Lide in Memphis.

LOCAL MERCHANTS TO ORGANIZE

BUSINESS MEN WILL ORGANIZE
ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE
THE COMMERCIAL IN-
TERESTS OF CITY.

Will Advertise Columbus in Imme-
diate Territory and Make Ef-
fort to Induce People to
Purchase Goods Here.

An effort is being made to organize a merchants' association in Columbus and with that end in view a meeting will be held at the city hall on next Tuesday night. Permanent organization will probably be effected at this meeting, and local merchants and business men are extended a cordial invitation to be present. Mr. W. H. Carter, of the firm of Carter & Chapman, is taking the initiative in the movement, and when seen at his store by a Dispatch reporter stated that the merchants were entering into the scheme with enthusiasm and that every business man with whom he had conversed had signified his willingness to become a member of the association.

The organization will not in any way conflict with the Progressive Union. The Union devotes its energies largely to the work of inducing foreign corporations to locate here, while it will be the special object of the merchants' association to advertise the city in the immediate vicinity and offer special inducements to country merchants and country people generally to come here for their supplies. The association will not be confined to any one line of trade, but dry goods dealers, grocery dealers, drug dealers, and in fact, all merchants and business men will be eligible for membership. Mr. Carter is not only a progressive merchant, but a man of ideas, and has devoted considerable thought to maturing plans which he believes can be carried out to advantage by the association. One of the ideas is to have merchants in every line offer specially attractive bargains during a certain week, and to advertise this bargain week all over the surrounding country, both by circulars and through the newspapers. He thinks that by pursuing this plan a large number of people will be attracted here, and that the profits accruing from increased sales will more than pay the expenses incurred in advertising.

It is not the purpose of the association to make any rules regulating prices or to dictate the manner in which any merchant shall conduct his business. The principal object is to promote the commercial interests of the city as a whole, and by unanimous and well directed effort along this line a great deal of good can be accomplished. The meeting will be called to order at 7:30 o'clock on Tuesday night, and all the merchants and business men of the city are extended a cordial invitation to be present.

A New Fire Station.

The repairs on the old hose wagon have been completed, and the vehicle is practically as good as new. The city now has two wagons in good condition, and it has been suggested that it would be a capital idea to establish an additional fire station in East Columbus and install one of the wagons there. There are a great many mills and factories in this section of the city, and more adequate fire protection is badly needed. Then, too, a new public school has recently been erected there, and a fire station located near the school would be a great protection to this property.

Under existing conditions the old hose wagon is practically useless, as the city keeps only two fire horses and these are required to pull the new wagon. Even should the old wagon be used at the Sixth street station an additional pair of horses would have to be purchased, and these could be maintained as cheaply at a new station as at the old. The only additional expense that a new station would necessitate would be the rent or purchase price of a building and the salaries of two or three firemen. In the event of a fire in the manufacturing district the new fire station might be the means of saving a property loss that would pay the expenses of its maintenance for several years.

Capt. S. S. Seales has returned from Crawford, where he was called on business a few weeks ago.

The Curry-Gilliland Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Bessie Curry to Mr. John Oliver Gilliland was solemnized at the First Presbyterian church on the evening of Wednesday, and was a beautiful event about which much interest centered. In the church decorations, white and green were very effectively combined, palms, ferns and caladiums being chiefly employed, while against the white background of choir rail there was a graceful tracery of Southern smilax, the charm of this pretty tropical setting being emphasized by the light of countless candles in silver and crystal candelabra. Before the ceremony, a delightful musical program was enjoyed, Mrs. Gatling giving several attractive organ selections and Miss Mattie Lou Brown singing with the exquisite finish her rich contralto voice always displays. Dr. Harriot's "Because." At half after nine o'clock the bridal party entered. First the ushers, Mr. Houston Curry, Mr. Robert Kirksey, Mr. Eugene Baugh and Mr. Burton Canfield, followed by the bridesmaids, Miss Lillian Scott and Miss Laura May Ramage, and the groomsmen, Mr. Henry H. Gunter and Mr. Skileen of Arkansas. Miss Scott and Miss Ramage were both most becomingly dressed in soft white silk ribbon and lace trimmed, and carried bouquets of white carnations. The matron of honor, Mrs. Lee Caine, wore a handsome gown of pink crepe de chene trimmed with Irish lace and a deeper tone of janne velvet, the toilette completed by pearl ornaments and a great bunch of pink roses. She immediately preceded the bride with her father, Dr. R. S. Curry, and winsome little Lucy Curry, who as flower girl was the daintiest of little maids in white organdy. The groom and his best man, Mr. D. H. Kirkland, of Atlanta, entered by way of of the side aisle and joined the group at the altar. Miss Curry was charming in the traditional bridal costume of white with veil of illusion and white rosebuds. Her gown was an elegant lace robe, made over chiffon and taffeta, and admirably suited to the personal graces of the young bride. After the ceremony, performed by the Rev. Mr. Jewett, pastor of the First Baptist church, the wedding party and a few intimate friends were entertained informally at the Curry home on Main street. Later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Gilliland left for a visit to the East. Miss Curry, who is the eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Curry, has had a bright girlhood, attended by a legion of friends whose admiration has been generously hers and whose cordial congratulations are given Mr. Gilliland. He is a successful business man, until recently a valued representative of the J. K. Orr Shoe Company of Atlanta, but now a resident of Hartsell, Alabama. The wedding calls forth abundantly the best wishes of Columbians.

Father Hippel's Return.

Father J. A. Hippel, priest of the Catholic Church of the Annunciation, who has been absent from Columbus for quite a long time, is expected to return this week and will at once resume his duties. Father Hippel was the victim of a serious throat affection, and part of his time has been spent in a hospital in Memphis. His trouble finally yielded to treatment, and he went to Arkansas, where he visited his father, and spent several months in rest and recuperation. He recuperated rapidly and returns to Columbus fully restored to health. Father Hippel is deservedly popular not only among his parishioners, but among the people of Columbus generally, and will upon his return receive a most cordial welcome.

Father S. Greimel, who so faithfully served the local church during Father Hippel's absence, has been transferred to Woodville, Miss., and will immediately take up the work there. Father Greimel is a most excellent gentleman, and during his stay here has made numerous friends to whom his departure is a source of sincere regret.

Train Crushes Into Wagon.

On last Thursday afternoon east-bound passenger train No. 28 on the Mobile & Ohio, due to arrive here at 5:57 p. m., crashed into a wagon at the St. John street crossing. The wagon was driven by a negro named Henry Harrison, and neither he nor the mules were hurt. The vehicle, however, was badly damaged as a result of the accident.

Dr. Marion Vaughn and wife, of Dunbar, were in the city on Wednesday night last to attend the Gilliland-Curry wedding.

WILL BE ASKED TO RESCIND ACTION

COMMITTEE REPRESENTING THE
CITY WILL ASK BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS TO RE-
PEAL ROAD TAX.

Columbus Would be Compelled to
Pay About One-Half of the
Entire Tax—Board Meets
Tomorrow Morning.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors occurs tomorrow, and at this meeting a committee representing the city of Columbus will go before the county sessions and ask that they rescind their recent action in levying a three mill ad valorem tax for the purpose of maintaining the public roads of the county. The committee will represent both the municipal government and the citizens of Columbus, having been appointed by Mayor Donnell in pursuance of a resolution adopted at the September meeting of the City Council. The committee consists of Mayor E. S. Donnell, ex-officio chairman; Messrs. B. A. Weaver and J. L. Walker from the City Council, and Colonel W. C. Richards, Hon. T. B. Franklin and Mr. T. O. Burris, representing the citizens and tax-payers.

At the regular primary which was held last August the question of working the public roads under the contract system was submitted to the people of the county, and a majority of the votes cast were in favor of the scheme. In obedience to this expression on the part of the people, the Board of Supervisors, at their September meeting, decided to adopt the system and enacted a law levying a three mill ad valorem tax and a poll tax of three dollars per year for the purpose of providing funds with which to carry on the work. About half of the taxable property in the county is located in Columbus, and while the people of this city are anxious to have good roads they are of the opinion that it would be manifestly unfair for them to pay half the expense of maintaining them. It is true that one-half of the money collected within the city limits for road purposes goes back to the municipal coffers, but even after this fact has been taken into consideration Columbus would be called upon to pay a sum beyond all reason.

It has been suggested that instead of levying a straight ad valorem tax on all property, as the board has done, it would be a good idea to divide the county into a number of road taxing districts and require the property owners along these thoroughfares to pay a tax to keep them in order. There are already several road taxing districts in existence within the borders of the county, and to extend these districts so as to include the whole county, seems the best solution of the problem with which the county sessions are now confronted. This plan would be eminently just and fair, as all property owners would be compelled to pay for the maintenance of the roads on which their lands abut, and all would receive direct benefit for the money paid out.

New Telephone.

The Fayette Telephone Company, of Fayette, Ala., has filed a petition with the City Council asking for a franchise in Columbus. Now that whiskey has been voted out of Pickens county, Fayette is the nearest town and the saloon-keepers are preparing to go after the Columbus trade. They are at the back of the telephone scheme, and the object in establishing the line is to make it possible for local patrons to receive shipments the same day that their orders are sent in.

Mr. Arthur Mullins, of this city, who is in his junior year at the A. and M. College, has been selected as one of the assistant editors of the College Reflector for the current year. This is quite a tribute to Mr. Mullins' literary ability and standing as a student, and his friends here congratulate him on the honor, which they feel sure has been worthily bestowed.

Mr. Henry Kaufman, who has been spending the summer in Battle Creek, Mich., is expected to return to his home in this city Tuesday. Mr. Kaufman's friends will be glad to learn that the trip has proven very beneficial and that he is very much improved in health.

Market Regains Loss.

The government glum report and the report on the condition of the cotton crop were both made public last Wednesday. The glum report shows the number of bales picked up to the date of the compilation of the report to be 1,277,000, against 2,200,000 for the same date last year. The condition of the crop is shown to be 67.7, against 72.7 last month and 71.6 last year.

On the strength of the above figures there was a break in the market, which declined thirty points. Local cotton men say that the reports are by no means bullish, and that the break in the market resulted from lack of outside speculation rather than from the reports themselves. The telegraph cables, while it has offered business of every kind and character, has had a specifically injurious effect upon cotton. Most of the Postal and Western Union offices in the smaller cities of the South have been closed for several weeks, and in a number of these towns, where there are no brokers' offices, telegraphic communication with the outside world is had only over the railroad wires, and the railroad operators will, under no circumstances, handle commercial business.

In order to stimulate the market there must be a demand for cotton from operations, and at this season of the year the demand in the South is generally brisk. This year, however, Southwestern are prevented from speculating by lack of telegraphic facilities, and the scarcity of buyers is naturally depressing the market.

Notwithstanding the adverse conditions mentioned, the efforts of the buyers to keep cotton down seem to be without avail. The market has steadily advanced during the past few days, and the loss sustained by the glum report and the government's estimate has been regained.

At the time of business yesterday afternoon New York spots were quoted at 11.75, December futures in New York at 11.92, New Orleans spots at 11.74, and December futures in New Orleans at 11.84. In the local market middling was quoted at 11 cents.

Judge Cochran's Eviction.

As stated in a recent issue of The Dispatch, Judge Cochran has decided to ask endorsement at the hands of the people in making application for reappointment as judge of the Tenth circuit court district, and has sent a petition to Sheriff Hagler requesting him to secure as many signatures as possible in this county. Judge Cochran is the first applicant for judicial honors in the Tenth district to adopt this plan. Heretofore it has been the custom of applicants to secure endorsement only at the hands of lawyers, but Judge Cochran feels that his administration has appealed especially to the people, and he therefore asks them to endorse him.

Hon. Jas. L. Buckley of Enterprise and Hon. R. E. Witherspoon of Meridian are also applicants for judicial honors in the Tenth district, and it is said that both gentlemen will go before Governor Nisb with strong endorsements.

A. & M. Wins First Football Game. Starkville, Miss., Oct. 2.—Aggravated and Mechanical College opened the football season by defeating A. & M. of Clarksville, 7 to 0. The thermometer showed around ninety degrees. Several players on each team were affected by the heat. Both the teams showed back of team work.

Plays were poorly executed. In the first half the A. & M. carried the ball to the five yard line twice, losing it each time on fumbles. Neither scored in the first. In the second George Gumbel kicked his line and Grant tackled him for a safety. A few moments later, with the ball in midfield, McGeorge made a brilliant forty yard run, and Dow followed with a plunge through the line for the only touchdown of the game. McGeorge failed to kick goal. The features were the playing of McGeorge, Dow and Ferman.

Pickensville Joins In.

In an election which was held at Pickensville, Ala., on last Thursday upon the question of giving to the Columbus, Memphis and Pensacola Railroad \$2000 for the purchase of right of way and depot facilities in that town, the vote was unanimous in favor of the grant, twenty-four votes having been registered for it and not a single vote against it. The people of the High Valley are enthusiastically in favor of the road, and will assist its construction in any way possible.